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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representative are proud to congratulate Michael J. Rohan of
4 Chicago on the occasion of his retirement from the Cook County
5 Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department on May 31,
6 2014; and

7 WHEREAS, Michael Rohan has spent his lifetime helping
8 children of all walks of life, fortunate and unfortunate,
9 during his 37 years with the Circuit Court of Cook County; and

10 WHEREAS, In his role as Director of the Juvenile Probation
11 and Court Services Department, Michael Rohan is responsible for
12 a staff of 450, an annual budget of \$35 million, and the
13 supervision of nearly 6,000 minors under the age of 18; and

14 WHEREAS, Michael Rohan has also served as acting director
15 of the Cook County Adult Probation Department and the Forensic
16 Clinical Services Department, the Director of Human Services,
17 and a Systems Analyst for the Circuit Court of Cook County; and

18 WHEREAS, Michael Rohan received a Bachelor of Arts in
19 Sociology and a Master of Science in Industrial Relations from
20 Loyola University, as well as a Master of Arts in Criminal
21 Justice Administration from the University of Illinois; he has

1 held an instructor/research position in the Criminal Justice
2 Department of the University of Illinois and at the Chicago
3 Police Academy; he is also an adjunct Professor/Lecturer in
4 Criminal Justice at Loyola University and an associate with the
5 Vera Institute's Youth Justice Program in New York; and

6 WHEREAS, Michael Rohan has served not only Cook County, but
7 the entire State of Illinois, working tirelessly for all
8 probation departments in Illinois to enhance probation
9 services everywhere in Illinois through his active membership
10 in the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association, where
11 he served 4 two-year terms as President and continues to serve
12 probation as a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Probation
13 Advisory Committee; and

14 WHEREAS, Michael Rohan has served our Cook County, the
15 State of Illinois, and the nation tirelessly, leading the
16 effort to improve juvenile detention through the Juvenile
17 Detention Alternative Initiative; partnering with the esteemed
18 Annie E. Casey Foundation, he helped establish Cook County
19 Juvenile Probation as one of only 3 demonstration sites in the
20 United States, insuring that youthful offenders are placed in
21 the most appropriate structure, removing race as a factor in
22 sentencing, and hosting visiting delegations from throughout
23 the country and across the world; and

1 WHEREAS, Michael Rohan has received numerous recognitions
2 throughout his career, but none more descriptive than the
3 simple recognition that he is truly "A Probation Officer's
4 Probation Officer"; and

5 WHEREAS, Like John Augustus, the father of probation,
6 Michael Rohan has mentored young probation officers, teaching
7 them from the heart and the rule book, as well as the youthful
8 offenders under his supervision, epitomizing Mr. Augustus'
9 self-description, "My mission has been to raise the fallen,
10 reform the criminal and so far as my humble abilities would
11 allow, to transform the abode of suffering and misery to the
12 home of happiness"; and

13 WHEREAS, Michael Rohan has been fortunate to have joined
14 with his best friend and wife of 38 years, Mary Rohan, to
15 create their own home of happiness, with 4 children, Meagan,
16 Michael, Daniel, and Erin, 2 daughters-in-law, Ashley and
17 Megan, and 2 granddaughters, Hannah and Fiona; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Michael J. Rohan on his retirement from the
21 Cook County Juvenile Probation Department and wish him all the
22 best in his future endeavors; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Michael Rohan as an expression of our esteem.